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THIS Day the Right Honourable Sir Joſeph Jekyll, Kt Maſter of the Rolls, was, by His Majeſty's Command, ſworn of His Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy Council, and took his Place at the Board accordingly.

Venice, July 23. On the 26th of May laſt Sig. Lodovico Flangini, Captain Extraordinary of the Fleet of this Republick, ſailed from Zante with 27 Ships of the Line, which were diſpoſed into three Diviſions or Squadrons, beſides Fire-ſhips and other Veſſels, and on the 6th of June anchored at the Iſland of Lemnos, where he had Intelligence that 5 Days before the Turkiſh Fleet came to an Anchor between the firſt and ſecond Caſtles of the Dardanells on the Coaſt of Aſia. Hereupon he advanced on the 8th to Imbro, within 6 Leagues of the Dardanells, and within View of the Enemy, who on the 10th ſtood towards our Fleet, which prepared to receive them; but a violent Wind riſing, the two Fleets were kept aſunder, and ſailing different Courſes loſt Sight of each other till the 12th, when the Venetians came to an Anchor at Imbro, as did the Turks on the European Coaſt five Leagues from that Iſland: The latter happening to have the Advantage of the Wind, got under Sail and bore down upon the Venetians, with 37 Sultanas and ſeveral other Veſſels. The firſt Attack was made by 8 Sultanas on the Rear-Diviſion of our Fleet which was under Sig. Marco Antonio Diedo, who was the next in Command to Sig. Flangini by the Title of Captain-Ordinary, and who received the Enemy with great Bravery: His two Seconds were the Colomba and the St. Lorenzo; the former after an Hour and half's Engagement, had like to have been ſunk by two heavy Shot, but the Damage was repaired and ſhe ſerved in the Line in the other Actions afterwards. Sig. Diedo ſunk one of the Enemy's Fire-ſhips, and forced the Sultanas which had attacked him to retire. Soon after this Attack upon our Rear-Diviſion was begun, the Captain Baſhaw (or Admiral of the Turks) with ſeveral Sultanas engaged Sig. Flangini's Ship, which being well ſuſtained by thoſe that were next her in the Line, the Captain Baſhaw was beaten off, but in a little Time he fell with the whole Turkiſh Fleet on the Head or Van of the Venetian Line; which maintained a Fight of ſome Hours with ſuch Reſolution, that the Turks were forced to make off. This Engagement began about two Hours before Sun-ſet, and held till three Hours after. Sig. Flangini ordered the Fleet to ply that Night to the Weſtward, in hopes of coming up again with the Enemy, and attacking them with the Advantage of the Wind. On the 13th in the Afternoon he came in Sight of them about 5 Leagues off Lemnos, when their Number appeared to be three Sultanas leſs than the Day before: The Wind favouring the Enemy, they approached our Fleet, and ſeven of their Sultanas attacked Sig. Diedo's own Ship and the St. Lorenzo, which were a little diſtant from the Line, and they might have ſuffered by the Enemy's Superiority, had not Sig. Flangini tacked and come in to their Reſcue, whereupon the Enemy retired. The two following Days the two Fleets kept plying moſtly within Sight of each other; and on the 16th the Turks having the Advantage of the Wind again, attack'd the Venetians, and the Engagement became general and very bloody; but after five Hours Action, tho' the Turks had the Wind, and 'twas then ſeveral Hours to Night, they ſtood away for Lemnos. Juſt as they were retiring, Sig. Flangini was ſhot in the Neck with a Muſquet-Ball, which taking away his Senſes he inſtantly dropt on the Deck, and was thought to be dead; but in a little Time coming to himſelf, he ſent for Sig. Diedo to come on board his Ship and take Directions from him for the Conduct of the Fleet. The Venetians kept in the Station where the Engagement had been till the 18th in the Morning, the Turks not appearing; and then it was reſolved to go to St. Zorzi di Schiro, but the Wind coming contrary and growing violent, it was judged convenient to make to Termis, there to refit, to wait for Supplies of Ammunition, a very great Quantity having been conſumed in the ſeveral Engagements, and to be joined by the Auxiliaries and the lighter Ships of the Fleet under Sig. Piſani, Captain-General of the Sea. On the 22d in the Morning two Ships were diſcovered, which 'twas believed were the foremoſt of the Enemy's Fleet, but it proved otherwiſe. However, on this Alarm and Expectation of a new Engagement, Sig. Flangini ordered his Attendants to carry him up on the Deck, that he might ſee the Action: But he was then in ſo weak a Condition, that ſoon after he was brought up and placed on the Deck he expired. The Turkiſh Fleet ſuffered extremely in the laſt Engagement, ſeven of their Sultanas had their Maſts ſhot down, and others were much damaged, particularly their Admiral's own Ship, which was towed off by two Gallies. Among the wounded of Diſtinction on our Side, were the Nobles Sig. Marco Flangini, Nephew of the Captain-Extraordinary, and Sig. Zuanne Moreſini, both Volunteers; and ſeveral Officers. The whole Number of our Killed and Wounded is reckoned to be about 1500 Men. The Captain-General Piſani is ſailed from Zante, with the Portugueſe and Malteſe Auxiliaries, and the light Part of our Fleet, to joyn the reſt at Termis. The Senate have cauſed publick Thankſgivings and Rejoicings to be made, and have choſen Sig. Marco Antonio Diedo to ſucceed Sig. Flangini.

Vienna, July 24. Our laſt Letters from the Camp before Belgrade are of the 16th Inſtant, and ſay that on the 13th they had a violent Storm which broke down their Bridges, both upon the Danube and the Save; that on the 14th in the Morning the Turks intending to take Advantage of that Diſorder, made a Sally with 1000 Men and attacked a Redoubt at the Head of the Bridge on the Save, before that Bridge could be mended, and aſſaulted it ſo furiouſly that they lodged themſelves upon the Parapet; but a Captain of the Heſſian Regiment, who commanded there with 60 Men, defended the Fort ſo gallantly, that he gave Time to two Companies of Grenadiers to come up to his Relief; upon which the Turks retired, carrying off their wounded Men into Belgrade, and the Bridge was intirely repaired that Evening. On the 15th a Captain of the Raſcians took a Baſhaw Priſoner with Letters from the Grand Vizier to the Governour of Belgrade, but the Contents of them are not yet known. The Letters from the principal Officers of the Army ſpeak very variouſly of the Approach of the Turkiſh Army, and the Deſigns of Prince Eugene. Some ſay, that the Grand Vizier having ſet out from Niſſa with the Army, was got half way to Semendria, continuing his March with great Diligence towards the Imperial Army: Others are of Opinion, that the Turks will not come foward, or undertake any Thing till the Siege is begun, and then either attack the Prince in his Camp, or make a Diverſion. On the other Side, ſome write that the Prince will not open the Trenches till he is better informed of the Motions and Deſigns of the Enemy, the rather becauſe it will be advantagious to him to delay the Siege, ſince a great Part of the Turkiſh Troops always return home at the latter End of Auguſt. But others aſſure us, that the Trenches will be opened immediately, and that the proper Diſpoſitions are actually made for that Purpoſe. The Bavarian Troops were to join the Grand Army on the 17th, and General Martigny had Orders to paſs the Save with three Regiments of Horſe to join General Hauben.

Madrid, July 26. The whole Court came laſt Night from the Pardo to Buen-Retiro, to be preſent at the Ceremony (which was performed this Morning in the Church of St. James) of inſtalling the Prince of Aſturias and the Duke de Popoli and veſting them with the Habit and Badges of the Order

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